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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS ON DOMINICAN ELECTIONS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSMAN FRASER
LETTER TO THE SECRETARY DATED JUNE 29, ENCLOSING A COPY
OF A LETTER TO BALAGUER SIGNED BY 20 CONGRESSMEN. BOTH
LETTERS ARE REPRODUCED BELOW. SALZBERG, OF CONGRESSMAN
FRASER'S OFFICE, ADVISES LETTER TO BALAGUER WAS TRANSMITTED
TO BALAGUER BY THE DOMINICAN EMBASSY HERE. CAR IS PRE-
PARING REPLY TO LETTER TO THE SECRETARY.

2. LETTER TO THE SECRETARY. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR.
SECRETARY: ENCLOSED IS A LETTER SIGNED BY TWENTY MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS EXPRESSING THEIR DEEP CONCERN THAT THE RESULTS
IN THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IN
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE RESPECTED.

BOTH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE,
I BELIEVE, DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB IN TERMS OF CONVEYING
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THIS ADMINISTRATION'S INTEREST AND CONCERN THAT THE
INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC BE RESPECTED. GIVEN THE CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY
REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THIS SITUATION, I HOPE THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE KNOWN ITS CONCERN TO

THE DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING

WHAT FURTHER INITIATIVES THE ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING IN THIS REGARD.

YOUR KIND ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY YOURS,
DONALD M. FRASER, CHAIRMAN
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. END TEXT.

3. LETTER TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER. BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: WE ARE WRITING TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS HELD IN YOUR COUNTRY ON MAY 16. IN THOSE ELECTIONS APPROXIMATELY 74 PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE, AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY (THE PRD), MR. ANTONIO GUZMAN, WAS ELECTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY. FOLLOWING AN INTERVENTION BY THE MILITARY WHICH CAST SERIOUS DOUBTS ON WHETHER THE ELECTORAL RESULTS WOULD BE RESPECTED, THE MILITARY WITHDREW IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LEADERSHIP.

IN A SPEECH WHICH YOU MADE ON MAY 17, YOU STATED THAT "REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER IRREGULARITIES EXISTED IN 16 MAY ELECTIONS, THE IMPORTANT THING FOR THE COUNTRY IS THAT ITS RESULTS BE ACCEPTED AS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY'S CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD." SUBSEQUENTLY, YOUR PARTY HAS FORMALLY CHALLENGED THE ELECTORAL RESULTS IN MANY OF THE DISTRICTS. THE ELECTORAL BOARD IS NOW IN A PERIOD OF REVIEWING THESE CHALLENGES AND REGRETFULLY IT MAY ENTAIL A PROLONGED PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN THAT THE ELECTORAL RESULTS OF THE DOMINICAN ELECTION, BOTH FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AS WELL AS THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES, BE RESPECTED. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE UNCERTAINTY THAT PRESENTLY CLOUDS THE PICTURE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS BE FULLY RESPECTED.

SINCERELY,
DONALD M. FRASER, M.C. JOHN KREBS, M.C.
HELEN S. MEYNER, M.C. RICHARD L. OTTINGER, M.C.
THOMAS J. DOWNEY, M.C. LEON E. PANETTA, M.C.
ROBERT F. DRINAN, M.C. DONALD J. PEASE, M.C.
DON EDWARDS, M.C. BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, M.C.
BENJAMIN A. GILMAN, M.C. JOHN F. SEIBERLING, M.C.
TOM HARKIN, M.C. STEPHEN J. SOLARZ, M.C.

MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON, M.C. NEWTON I. STEERS, M.C.
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